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TO AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI NIACI IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY SANAA

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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SUBJECT: MOFA OFFICIAL TO VISIT MIDDLE EAST

1. MOFA HAS INFORMED US THAT ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS KIM TONG-WHI WILL VISIT SEVERAL MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES IN EFFORT TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR ROK DIPLOMATIC GOALS, INCLUDING KOREAN QUESTION IN UN. KIM WILL VISIT LIBYA MAY 18-20 AND TUNISIA MAY 20-24, THEN ATTEND ECONOMIC MEETINGS IN BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS, FOLLOWING WHICH HE WILL VISIT JORDAN JUNE 1-3, SAUDI ARABIA JUNE 3-5, AND YAR JUNE 5-8.

2. ACCORDING TO MOFA, KIM WILL HOLD SUBSTANTIVE POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS IN TRIPOLI, AMMAN, AND SANAA AND HAS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT OUR EMBASSIES IN THOSE CAPITALS BE NOTIFIED THAT HE WILL BE CALLING ON THEM FOR ASSISTANCE. PARTICULARLY IN TRIPOLI AND SANAA, WHERE ROK HAS NO REPRESENTATION, KIM WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE IN EVALUATING THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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HOST COUNTRY. IN JORDAN, KIM'S PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

WILL BE TO COUNTER NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC MOVES,
INCLUDING ESTABLISHMENT OF NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY
(AMMAN 2531). HIS ACTIVITIES IN TUNIS AND JIDDA WILL
BE IN SUPPORT OF ONGOING ROK ECONOMIC INTERESTS THERE.

3. KIM IS A KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIAL WHO HAS LONG HAD
A CLOSE WORKING AND PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH
EMBASSY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY APPROPRIATE
ASSISTANCE ADDRESSEES MAY WISH TO EXTEND TO HIM.
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